

# Workforce Development Initiative

Sept. 18-19, 2017  
Denver, Colorado



## COLORADO WORKSHOP

### Monday, September 18

*Broadway Ballroom, the ART Hotel*

11:30 am

**Lunch**

11:50 am

**Welcome**

James D. Ogsbury, WGA Executive Director

12:00 pm

**Introductory Remarks**

Colorado **Governor John Hickenlooper** and South Dakota **Governor Dennis Daugaard**

12:30 pm

**Keynote: Best Practices from Abroad Brought to the USA**

The path to success has many beginnings and they don't all start with a university degree. **Ambassador Suzi LeVine** and **her husband Eric** have seen this up close during their time serving our country in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. They will share their knowledge of the Swiss apprenticeship model as well as insights into its applicability to the United States and how it is being adapted and adopted here.

1:30 pm

**Break**

**1:45 pm**

**Roundtable I: The Role of States in Strengthening Industry Leadership for Talent**

Representatives from Washington, Oregon and Utah will discuss how their states are bringing industry to the table and leveraging state resources for workforce development.

Moderator: **Wendy Brors**, Assistant Director, Colorado Workforce Development Council

- **John Aultman**, Senior Policy Advisor, Workforce Development, Office of Washington Governor Jay Inslee
- **Shalee Hodgson**, System Alignment Manager, Oregon Employment Department
- **Tami Pyfer**, Education Advisor, Office of Utah Governor Gary Herbert

**3:00 pm**

**Case Study: Colorado's Model for Public-Private Partnerships**

This case study discussion will provide the how and why of setting up successful public-private partnerships with a focus on the healthcare industry.

Moderator: **Stephanie Veck**, Director, Colorado Workforce Development Council

- **Elerie Archer**, Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Sector Partnership
- **Thomas Hartman**, Colorado Career Pathways Coordinator, CWDC
- **Yvonne Myers**, Northern Colorado Health Sector Partnership

**4:00 pm**

**Break**

**4:15 pm**

**Roundtable II: Industry-Led Workforce Development Initiatives**

States and industry representatives will provide examples of successful workforce development initiatives that have been driven by businesses or industry.

Moderator: **Ellen Golombek**, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

- **Noel Ginsburg**, Founding Executive Board Chair, CareerWise Colorado
- **Carla Gatzke**, VP of Human Resources, Daktronics
- **Heather Terenzio**, Co-founder & CEO, Tectonic Group

**5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Reception**

## Tuesday, September 19

7:30 am

**Breakfast**

8:30 am

### **Roundtable III: Aligning Education and Training with Industry-Defined Competencies**

Panelists will explore the use of industry-defined competencies to develop meaningful education and training, as well as efforts to encourage employers to hire based on those defined skills.

Moderator: **Jeff Wasden**, President, Colorado Business Roundtable

- **Beth Cobert**, CEO, Skillful
- **Mary LeFebvre**, Senior Research Scientist for Workforce Policy, ACT
- **Andrew Fitzpatrick**, Director Global Policy, Walmart

9:45 am

**Break**

10:00 am

### **Looking Around the Curve**

Presenter: **Josh Davies**, Center for Work Ethic Development

Every 30 years, a new wave of technology -- assembly lines, computers, the internet -- fundamentally changes the workplace. Looking ahead to 2030, the revolutionary wave of automation and artificial intelligence will heavily impact the future of work in America. Josh Davies will discuss the skills and abilities that jobseekers will need in the future.

Moderator: **Jim Ogsbury**, Executive Director, Western Governors' Association

- **Tom Bugnitz**, CEO, Manufacturer's Edge
- **Chris Houwman**, CEO, Malloy Electric
- **Ray Johnson**, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs Manager, IBM

11:15 am

**Closing Remarks**

11:30 am

**Adjourn**